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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, line 7: In the *Cross Reference To Related Application* section, after "This application" insert --is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/775,402 filed December 31, 1996, which--.

Page 7, line 26: Rewrite "polyperase" as --polymerase--.

Page 13, line 21: Rewrite "nculeotide" as --nucleotide--.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 12.

Please renumber claims 4-11 as 3-9.